# TRIBUNE HAS A LARGER BONA FIDE CIRCULATION AMONG SCRANTON BUSINESS MEN THAN ANY OTHER MORNING PAPER

# FOUR MINERS' SUDDEN AND

In the Northwest Colliery of Simpson & Watkins.

### BENEATH TONS OF DOCK

Fatal and Horrible Embrace Came Without Warning and Cut Off the Only Hope of Escape-The Fall Is Ten Feet Wide, Six Feet High and Extends Sixty Feet Along the Gang way to Within Forty Feet of the Facing-The Presence of Superintendent Crawford, H. P. Simpson, a Corps of the Company's Engineers and Many Willing Miners Availed Nothing Toward the Release of the

From a Staff Correspondent. CARBONDALE, Pa., Sept. 27. HE lives of four men, two miners and two laborers, were without warning crushed out in the Northwest colliery of Simpson & Watkins, at Simpson, three miles above this city, at 3 o'clock this after-

Their mangled remains, as near as can be ascertained, lie beneath a fall of rock which is ten feet wide, six feet high, and extends for at least sixty feet in the gangway off from the third slope of the mine.

Superintendent Crawford at Scranton was immediately notified of the catastrophe and came here at once, Harry P. Simpson with three of the company's engineers and a TRIBUNE reporter arrived on the train leaving Scranton at 7.20 o'clock. Investigation by Mine Foreman White and Superintendent Crawford, however, showed that not even a remote possibility re-mained of finding the men alive, and after seeing that a force of twenty miners had been set at work clearing the gangway the Seranton party returned shortly before midnight.

The killed are: WILLIAM B. MITCHELL, Englishman, miner, aged 42 years, leaves a wife and aged 35 years, single. George Barney, Hungarian, laborer, aged

28 years, single. WILTS' MIRACULOUS ESCAPE.

Tug Wilts, a driver, was the only witness of the horror, and his escape seems almost miraculous. He was sitting alongside the track waiting for a car to be loaded by the ill-fated men, when, without warning, the roof of the gangway fell with a deafening crash within three feet of him.

Without balting, he ran to the head of the slope, followed by a track layer and two miners who were working in the vicinity and gave the alarm.

Mine Foreman White descended to the scene of the accident which is about 150 feet beneath, the surface. Two miners accompanied the foreman and the trio pounded on the fallen rock and shouted, but received no answer.

The ill-fated men had been robbing on the last breast and were taking a skip off the last pillar next to the north line between the Simpson & Watkins and the Delaware and Hudson hold-The outside of the fall is 100 feet

from the facing and is supposed to extend about 60 feet, leaving only 40 feet of the gangway open up to the facing. Mine Foreman White thought there might be a possibility of the men being alive back of the fall near the facing and with 40 feet of open space and air along the gangway in which they might live for a considerable period. When no response came to White's signals he formed the conclusion that the awful crash occured in a few seconds of time and caught the four wretches in a sudden embrace of ter-

Possibly they were aware of their danger and dropping their tools had irresponsible for what he did. His started on a mad but tardy race for condition, he thought, when he saw started on a mad but tardy race for life. At the outside end of the fail the gangway is 10 feet wide but had been widened to possibly 12 or 16 feet where the men had been working on the pil-

H. P. Simpson, three of the company's engineers and THE TRIBUNE reporter, under guidance of two miners, entered the mouth of the upper slope at 9.15 o'clock tonight. Superintendent Crawford was met on the second lift and returned with the party to the gangway off the third slope in what is known as the Upper Carbondale vein. The air was heavy and laden with the amoke of over a score of miners' lamps. Timbers laid strewn about and the din of hatchet and saw was uncessing in the men's vigorous work of preparing prope and the timber work necessary to support the roof prepara-tory to getting out the fall of rock. The miners were in ignorance of the hopeless fate of their fellows and eyed the surveying intruments and maps of the engineers with glances almost akin to tenderness, thinking perhaps that these articles were the key to the delivery of four imprisoned unfortunates, who really lie mashed beyond all hope of recognition beneath 300 tons of solid rock.

About six feet above the fall appears a narrow seam of coal, possibly three inches thick. The rock which fell between this seam and the vein is what is known as a sand slate or fire clay. A slant had possibly been uncovered and the crash followed. Judging from practical mining indications it will ocsupy five or six days to remove the mass. It is not improbable that the four bodies will be reached in less than

As soon as Mr. Crawford learned of the accident he wired Mine Inspector Roderick, of the Second district, who was engaged on business at Wilkes-Barre. He reached Carbondale at 10.30 o'clock this evening. The news of the

disaster is not generally known here owing to the festivities and crowds incident to the firemen's parade.

# STORM CONTINUES.

The Tropical Gale Is Met by a "High" from Nova Scotia

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 27.—There is a conflict between two atmospheric forces that has operated to retard some what the advance of the West Indies burricane, and the conflict between the elements and the telegraph companies

has resulted so disastrously to the lat-ter that it is difficult for the weather

bureau to get securate information

from the vicinity of the storm center. For two days a 'high" has been lin-gering over Nova Scotia, and when yesterday's reports were made up the indications were that this "high" acting, as it does like a barrier to the forward movement of the southern storm, would pass off and leave an undisputed field to this product of the tropical seas. When this morning's report, how-ever, reached the weather bureau, it was found that this Nova Scotia condition had remained absolutely stationary and until that begins to move the southern storm cannot make much headway north. At noon the steady fall of the barometer indicated that this disagree-

able visitor had begun to stir itself afresh, so that by midnight the country in the vicinity of Washington and Baltimore will feel its presence and New York and the Long Island shore be in its embrace by Friday morning. Storm signals are flying from Jack sonville to Boston.

SAVANNAH, Ga. Sept. 27.-The storm has blown over and very little damage has been done. No reports of loss of life from the sea islands have been received, although crops are damaged. CHARLESTON, S. C., Sept. 27.-In the middle and coast region points the West India cyclone has done considerable damage to corn and cotton, very erious damage to rice, but no loss of

FORT MONROE, VA., Sept. 27,-The storm is very severe here. It carried away a part of the breakwater and walk in front of the Hygeia and a large lot of docking from the main wharf.

### SHORTLIDGE TRIAL.

The Wife Murderer is Acquitted on the Ground of Insanity by the Jury.

MEDIA, Pa. Sept. 27 -The trial of six children.

JOHN J. FANNING, Irish-Welshman, miner, aged 43 years, single.

ANDREW CLAPKONKY, Hungarian, laborer, fact of the shooting is not in dispute, the trial has resolved itself into a contract of the shooting is not in dispute. the trial has resolved itself into a contest between the medical men.

Those associated with the professor in business and social life have been called to show that his peculiar actions and general demeanor prior to the a long time with Attorney General tragedy, convinced them that he was Olney with reference to the hunt for testified today were physicians who as far as Seattle and other cities on the examined him during his illness and in Pacific coast to find the fuzitive. In

Dr. W. T. Dickson, who was called to determine whether or not he was in- several months in the hope that Howsane, testified that he found him lying | gate would visit his daughter. on the floor partly dressed and in a demented condition of mind.
Dr. D. W. Jefferis, one of the com-

mission appointed by the court to matte hunt of all the book stores in the examine the prisoner, Dr. J. L. Forwood and Dr. Mills, of Philadelphia, also testified. The former found the defendant with dilated eyes and pulse 100. His arteries were like those of an aged man and he was suffering with

melancholia-a form of insanity. Dr. D. D. Richardson, in charge of the male department at the Norristown Insane asylum, gave a detailed statement of the patient's condition when he arrived and while confined at the institution, the substance of which was that Professor Shortlidge was insane at the time of the shooting and when admitted to the asylum.

The testimony of the defense closed, the commonwealth presented its experts on insanity. Dr. Chapin, of Philadelphia, did not think it had been established that Shortlidge was insane. His condition heretofore was of a man greatly depressed. He did not believe that the professor had a delusion. He pelieved he had a knowledge of his acts and was not legally insune, or entirely him, might have been caused by the excessive use of cocaine or some other drug.

Dr. F. X. Dercum, specialist on nervous and mental diseases, testified similarly to Dr. Chapin. He examined Professor Shortlidge, from what he saw of him and had heard he gave it as his opinion that he was not mentally irresponsible at the time of the killing

Upon the conclusion of the testimony the district attorney defined the position of the commonwealth and was followed by counsel for the defence. After a brief charge by Judge Clayton the case was given to the jury. After being closeted about an hour and a half the jury returned a verdict of not guilty by reason of insanity. Professor Shortlidge was heartily congratulated by friends who crowded around him. He was remanded to the Norristown asylum until cured or re-

#### leased by death. M'COOLICK CONVICTED.

Will Creek Child Murderer Guilty in Second Degree. WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Sept. 27.—The jury in the case of John McCoolick, who was on trial since Monday last for the murder of a child at Mill Creek in March last, returned a ver-

dict this afternoon of murder in the second degree. The trial was protracted and attracted much attention owing to the peculiar circumstances connected with his residence add took a seat in the the case. The extreme penalty is hall, while Holgate went up stairs to twelve years. The general opinion is make a change of clothing and secure he should have been found guilty of the documents so much needed. After murder in the first degree.

## IN OUR OWN COMMONWEALTH.

A gaug of robbers who have terrorized haron for months was jailed. Brakeman Peter Rinker, of Strouds-burg, was killed by a Wilkes-Barre and Eastern train.

After a Chase of Thirteen Years the Fugi tive is Run to the Earth.

# WAS POSING AS A BOOK DEALER

Captain Henry Howgate, of Washington, Who Owes the Government \$370,000, and Who Disappeared Thirteen Years Ago, is Captured by Detective Drummond-Now a Broken Down Old Man-Is Held in \$20,000 Bail.

APTAIN HENRY HOWGATE, formerly chief of the weather bureau in Washington, and who has been a furitive from instice duce the winter of 1881, was arrested today in this city by Detective A. L. Drummond, acting for J. Sterling Mor-ton, secretary of agriculture, at Wash-

Howgate was not only chief but disoursing officer of the weather bureau. His embezziements, forgeries and larenies, it is alleged, aggregated \$370,-000 at least. He was an officer of the regular army and being a genial, whole souled man had hosts of friends. There are no less than seven indictments hanging over him, each containing a number of counts. The offences charged are alleged to have been committed for several years previous to 1880 when the indictments were found.

Captain Howgate when arrested in 1881 asked permission to go into an inner room in the weather bureau's departments. He disappeared and has not since been seen. He was known to have left Washington with a pretty young woman not his wife. He had a family at that time. The woman with whom he fled has since left him. Howgate was when he flat from Washington an active black-haired man in the prime of life. He is now 60 years old, bent and broken, with gray

hair and beard. Though the United States officers bave been hunting all over the United States for him be has been living quietly here in New York city as a dealer in second hand books. His place count of its having sold liquor at one the others had to forage for them-McDia, Pa. Sept. 27—The trial of Professor S. C. Shortlidge, for the murder of his wife, was resumed this morning. The defense was begun to show its side of the case and as the been known to the book trade of this gity.

DRUMMOND'S LONG CHASE. Detective Drummond, who for many years was in the United States secret service, has been in correspondence for f unsound mind. Most of those who Howgate. Drummond even travelled 1887 Drummond learned that Howgate's daughter lived in Newburyport, in to exemine the prisoner on Jan. 15 | Mass., and he went there and lived

Four months ago Drummond learned that Howgate was in the book busi-ness in this city or Brookiya. A syste two cities was made,

A week ago Drum mond adopted the plan of haunting book sales auction rooms. It was a happy thought. A clerk from the war department is Washington, who knew Howgate, made the rounds of the book auction rooms every day. On Monday the clerk saw him enter an auction room on Broadway near Tenth street. The clerk was not certain, however, as Howgate had changed, from a man weighing upwards of 190 pounds, he had grown to be a dried up old man of 145 pounds. The clerk went again to the book sales on Monday and entered into conversation with Howgate. From his manner of speaking the clerk was certain that he stood before the fugitive at last.

Drummoud took the midnight train for Washington on Tuesday and yesterday got a bench warrant and re-turned this morning. When Howgate was arrested he remarked quietly: "I know when I am beaten." Howgate was taken before United States Commissioner Alexander and arraigned on two indictments on the nominal charge made in the Washington indictments

in 1879 and held in \$20,000 bail. Howgate admitted his identity and said be could not give buil and he was taken to Ludiow street jail pending ad-

Vices from Washington. Washington, Sept. 27.—Captain Henry Howgate, who was arrested in New York today, was, up to the time of his disappearance fitteen years ago a well known man in this city. He was a volunteer officer during the war and after the volunteer army was disbanded was appointed a lieutenant in the regular army and assigned to duty in the signal corps, to which was given the duty of organizing the weather

bureau. General A. J. Meyer was in charge of the bureau and Howgate was executive officer and had charge of the details of the office, including contracts and disbursements. He dealt largely in real estate, owned a steam yacht and became quite prominent. In 1881, having some disclosures as to a shortage in the accounts of the office, Howgate was displaced, and an investigation showed what were alleged to be enormous frauds thron a which the government had lost heavily. Howgate was ar-tested and released on heavy bonds. In a short time his bondsmen became upeasy and surrendered him. He was placed in jail to await trial.

Upon the plea that certain papers in his house were necessary to fense, a marshal accompanied him to a time, the marshal not hearing any one up stairs, became suspicious and made a search for his prisoner, but he was gone; and since that day,

ould be found belonging to Howgate, including real estate, which was all sold, the procesds being used in liqui-dating the claim held against him by the government as far as they would go. Some of his creditors suffered se-verely by his collapse.

# ELECTION DISTRICTS.

The Polling Places in the State of Penn-

sylvania. HARRISBURG, Pa., Sept. 27.—Secretary Harrity has been collecting information from the county commissioners as to the present number of election districts in the state of Pennsylvania. The following gives that information by counties.

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Adams. 32; Alleghenv. 440; Armstrong. 44; Beaver. 55; Bedford. 38; Berks. 126; Blair. 67; Bradford. 66; Bucks. 75; Butler. 58; Cambris. 74; Cameron. 9; Carbon. 37; Center. 52; Chester. 110; Clarton. 41; Clearfield. 67; Clinton. 33; Columbia. 47; Crawford. 61; Cumberland. 45; Dauphin. 84; Delaware. 96; Elk. 15; Erie. 87; Fayette. 63; Forest. 16; Flankliu. 36; Fulton. 12; Greene. 25; Huntingdon. 58; Indiana. 42; Jefs. Huntingdon, 58; Indiana, 42; Jefferson, 31; Janiata, 18; Lackawanna, 138; Lancaster, 107; Lawrence, 38; Lebanou, 32; Lehigh, 64; Luzerne, 255, Lycoming, 71; McKean, 42; Mor-cer, 63; Mifflin, 19; Monroe, 22; Mont-gomery, 112; Montour, 14; Northamp-69; Northumberland, 70; Perry, 30; Paitadelphis, 929; Pike, 12; Potter, 27; Schuylkill, 141; Suyder, 17; Somerset, 41; Sullivan, 15; Susquebanna, 48; Tioga, 46; Union, 18; Venango, 54; Warren, 44; Washington, 95; Wayne, 37; Westmoreland, 127; Wyoming, 22; Vork, 92, Total, 5,068 York, 92 Total, 5,068.

## GAYNOR, OF SCRANTON.

Chosen Grand Second Vice President at Convention of Grand Council of Young Men's Institute.

Precial to the Scranton Tribune. LOUISVILLE, Sept. 27. —At today's meeting o' the grand council of Young Seranton, Pa, was elected grand

spent in hearing the report of the comcase of the Charles Carroll council, No. mander wanted "to bog" it all. The 202, of Covington, which had been sussented the case a motion was made to admit the delegates to the floor, but Greenland with them. Franchis in President Maher ruled the motion out of order. A vote was taken on the rul-

ing and the chair reversed. The motion was then put for a vote and the delegates of the suspended council were refused admission. conclusion was reached shortly after 12 o'clock, when it was about time to adtelegram was received:

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—Young Men's natitution, Atlantic jurisdiction, in session. willingly impart special blessing

MGE. SATOLLI, Apostolic Delegate. The afternoon session convened at :30 o'clock and continued until clock. Same time was devoted to a consideration of the propriety of making amendments to the constitution of settled, delegates merely speaking on the subject. Among the speakers were W. D. Saxton of Cincinnati; Judge J. H. Reeves, of Lebanon, Ky., and State Sanator M. F. Corcoran, of Onio.

The delegates were tendered a bannet last night at the Louisville Hotel. Covers were laid for 200 guests. The toastmaster was James A. Mulligan.

## VERDICT FOR THOMAS RICH.

Jury Allowed Him \$575 for the Injuries He Sustained.

The jury in the case of Thomas Rich against the Delaware and Hudson Canal company, which retired Wed-nesday afternoon at 3.39, did not agree upon a verdict until noon yesterday. The jury allowed \$575 to the plaintiff for the injuries he sustained.

The jury in the case of Miss Winifred Barrett against the borough of Biakely retired at noon vesterday and fried out of it; an occasional spoonful hal not agreed up to 8 o'clock last

Before Judge Edwards the Burr-Kase Stone suit was on trial fall day. When court adjourned law points were being The case will go to the jury

Sheriff's Derdy Acknowledged. Sheriff's deeds were acknowledged yes terday in open court to James D. Mason and T. J. Snowden, city of Scranton, C. J. Gillespie, Hannah Hetzel, George C. Gris-wald and others, J. Alton Davis, Anthra-cite Building and Loan association, city of cite Building and Loan association, city of Scranton: John Dougherty, William Bren-nan, H. L. Taylor, W. R. Lewis, D. W. Carpenter and Charles Stone. These deeds are for properties recently sold by the sheriff. Other deeds will be acknowledged

next Thursday. Powell Has Recovered. On July 6 Vassar Powell was committed to the county jail charged with making threats. He soon, thereafter, became insane and was removed to the insane de-partment of the Hillside home. Yester-day a certificate was presented to Judge Archbald setting fourth that Powell had recovered and an order was made for his return to the county jail.

Threw His Wife Out. Patrick Rady, of Parnell street, was arrested on complaint of his wife, who al-leged that her loyal protector threw her over their threshold. Mr. Rady paid §3 for his little diversion and was bound in \$300 to keep the peace.

Getting Headquarters Ready. The Democratic county committee ha secured rooms on the second floor of the Gas and Water building at 115 Wyoming avenue for headquarters. Furniture was being moved in yesterday.

Marriage Licenses Granted. The following received marriage license from Clerk of the Courts Thoma thirteen years ago, no word has been heard from him The war department offered a reward for his arrest, but it was withdrawn after some years. The government seized everything which

Members of His Party Give Vent to Their Pent Up Wrath.

## THE BOILED SEAL WAS TOO RICH

Mrs. Peary's Talk in Reference to the North Sea Delicacies Arouses the Ire of the Returned Explorers. They Claim That Peary was a Believer in Red Tape and Wanted to "Hog" All the Glory-The Cornmeal Mush was Sprinkled Too Thinly With Sugar-Woman Voted a Nuisance in the Arctic Regions.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 27. THE interview sent out from Washington with Mrs. Peary in which, she expressed surprise that any member of the expedition to Greeland under her husband's leadership should have found fault with the quantity or quality of the food, excited the ire of the dissatisfied members of the party and they vented their feelings somewhat freely today.

They considered themselves released from their pledge of silence to Peary by Mrs. Peary giving an interview and they were in favor of answering her. However, after some further talk among themselves, they decided to await any further disclosures by Mrs. Peary before they laid their case be-

fore the public. Despite the decision not to make a joint statement in conversation one of the members of the party could not prevent his feeling of bitterness toward Peary from giving itself utterance, He said: "The members of the main Men's Institute, James Gaynor, of expedition went with Peary with the them, and that experience accounts for mittee on credentials, and a lively dis-cussion consequent upon the commit-tee's placing before the convention the tion of staying two years, but when them, except his servant, decided to come home, first, because there was not much food, and next, chiefly because they didn't want another year of red

tape and autocracy. Before the Falcon sailed, however, one of the party changed his mind and agreed to stay with Peary, because, he ourn for dinner. Just before an ad- said, the lieutenant had agreed to ournment was taken the following teach him civil engineering. The oil of which Mrs. Peary speaks, was lost

through her husband's carelessness. PRIVATE SECRETARY'S STORY. W. T. Swain, who was one of the party and went out with Peary as his private secretary, said: "We are un-

der no contract with Peary, as regards dissatisfaction with his management. The only agreement that exists was the order. The matter was never made by us on board ship, while we were returning to Philadelphia. then considered that we would say nothing unless Mrs. Peary opened her lips. This I see she did yesterday. I consider myself at perfect liberty to speak. As for my contract with Peary, it has been broken by him repeatedly during the course of the expedition.

"He agreed that we were to be treated as gentlemen. For one thing, I can say that Lieutenant Peary himself certainly did not act as a gentleman among gentlemen. Mrs. Peary, I see, has semething to say about 'the food. Let me give you our menu during the last two months of our stay, while we waited for the relief party. This menu was the outcome of the Pearys arrangements, and was due to insuffi-

cient provisioning in the beginning: Breakfast-Cornmeal mush sprinkled by Peary with sugar and with a sparing hand; bacon, with all the fat of Boston beans out of a can; coffee. Lunch-Boiled seal ment, tasting like stale mutton flavored with coal

oil; corn bread, tea. Dinner: Reindeer meat when we could get it; seal meat when we couldn't, beans occasionally, anddon't omit this—one half a slice of white bread and coffee. On Sunday evening we had as a special treat one ean of tomatoes among the party.
"What Peary and his wife had we don't know. They lived spart, and not one of us was ever during the whole time invited to their quarters Peary treated us to a lot of red tape and antoeratic rule that had serious consequences sometimes. I am lame on account of it. He would order some of us to go on a seventyfive mile sledge journey to procure food for his dogs, and only give us an hour's warning, when half a day could have been secorded. The hour did not suffice to dry our fur stockings and we ran the risk of frozen feet. My toe, which lames me, was frozen in just that way. "And one thing I can add, no Aretic expedition can ever succeed which takes a woman along to hamper it."

## THERE IS NO JUSTICE.

Such Was the Wail of John Hoban at the Mayor's Office. Private Secretary Mark K. Edgar, of

the mayor's office, was the recipient of a call from John Hoban, of Mary street, yesterday afternoon. Mr. Hoban was looking for Mayor Connell and wanted to relate to him a little tale of woe. On Monday the bovine that supplies the lacteal fluid to the little cherubs in Hoban's domicile was like the proverbial letter that never came. The oldest boy was delegated to search the pasture fields at Leggets'creek for the animal. His search brought him to the bound

been fined \$2,40 for vagrancy, which the owner was not able to pay.

Hoban thought that the mayor would help him out of his trouble and was informed that McDonnell is an official poundmaster and the fine would have to be paid. The news did not sweeten Mr. Hoban's temper, and he went his

### LOVLASS-GREEN NUPTIALS.

way declaring that the blind goddess is

Ceremony Performed at the House of Bride on Fifth avenue.

James C. Loviass and Miss Lucy A. Green, both of this city, were married yesterday by Ray. Warren G. Partridge at the parsonage. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride, 115 Fifth avenue. They left on the 3.50 train on a tour to New York, Philadelphia and Boston. James M. Henderson was best man

and Miss Kitty Delaney bridesmaid. They were recipients of many useful presents. DIED FROM HIS INJURIES.

Bartley Ambroch, of Priceburg, Run Over by Cars. Yesterday Bartley Ambroch, a Po-Priceburg mines of Jermyn & Co., was received at the Lackawanna hospital. His leg was terribly crushed at the hip and he lingered but a few hours when death set in

A trip of ears jumped the track and squeezed him against the pillar.

# WILSON HONORED.

Toasted by People Who Have Been Benefitted at the Expense of American Labor,

LONDON, Sept. 27.—At the Hotel Metropole this evening an elaborate and largely attended dinner was given by the chamber of commerce to Repreentative William L. Wilson, of West Virginia, Mr. Wilson's speech was

the event of the evening. After acknowledging the honor con-ferred upon him and reciting the Seranton, Pa., was elected grand understanding that they were to resecond vice president.

The greater part of yesterday was his methods for a single year sufficed.

All the people saw that our system was generating a brood of monopolists so powerful as to defy the law and which used part of the wealth they drew from sharing in the power of taxation, to increase their privileges, debauch elections and corrupt legislation. I am quite sure that our protective policy has already served to promote the trade of other nations and if continued it will still furthe promote such trade and pre-eminently

your own.
So standing before you a representative of those who are trying for a freer commercial policy from the United States, I fear I cannot ask you to rejoice in its adoption, except as you may prefer right principles to selfish advantages.

Protection has seen our voluntary with-drawal from the seas and from the neutral markets, Our protectionists have been building defenses to keep you and other nations from competing with us in our home markets. The tariff reformers are breaking down these fences. Let us com-pete in all the markets of the world. Not only is our production of cotton and food products growing more rapidly than our consumption, but we have today a manu-facturing plant which, urged to its ful capacity, can in six months fully meet ou

#### demands for a year. AUTOCRAT OF THE BREAKFAST TABLE.

Elm Park Church Epworth Leaguers

Honor Him. Last night at the Elm Park church the Epworth League honored, with a fascinating literary and musical programme, the memory of the only viving poet of New England, Oliver Wendell Holmes, in deference to his pure life of 85 years of usefulness. The literary part of the programme

consisted exclusively of extracts from the poems of Holmes. Miss Lillian Milnes' magnetic reproduction of "The Old Man's Dreams" was a rich declamatory treat. Every number was well rendered and showed care and training

in the preparation. H. H. Bsidelman wrote a letter to he post announcing the purpose of the Epworth league and received the following reply written and signed in the

poet's own hand writing.

Beverly Farms, Mass., Sept. 12, 1804.

MY DEAR SIR:—Please accept my thanks for your kind letter. It gives me much pleasure to hear of the proposed treatment of my literary labors at the meeting of the Epworth league, and I wish all success to the league, in its presidentials. he league in its praiseworthy objects. Very truly yours, OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.

To H. H. BEIDLEMAN, Scrapton, Pa. MOODY WISSION WORK

Messrs. Weeden at the Y. M. C. A. Rooms Last Night. Professor Weeden and W. Weeden sang at the Young Men's Christian association rooms last evening, and in the duett. "Nearer My God to Thee, electrified their large audience with the magnificent blending of their

Both musicians have very powerful voices, but the ease with which they pianofortissomo passages is sing the

wonderful, Professor Weeden made a pathetic appeal for the prayers of his audience for his son. He said that it was the happiest day of his life and that there could be no happier man in the world, Eight months ago his son was converted, and as his special mission was to save the souls of young men he be-seeched the prayers of the young men of Sgranton in his behalf.

Mr. Weeden, jr., having sung Tallie Morgan's new song, "Dare to Say No," Professor Weeden stated that be had recently completed a new volume, but he was so impressed with Tallie Morgan's music that he would cut out six of the tunes in the new book to make space for Mr. Morgan's music.

# Assistant Assessors Instructed.

The recently appointed assistant asses-sors met last evening with the board of city assessors and received their instructions concerning the manner in which they shall make the assessment in the several wards. They were particularly urged to make an accurate report of the number of dogs, horses, etc. in each ward,

## WEATHER FORECAST.

CLEAR WASHINGTON, Sept. 27. - Forekept by one Urish McDonnell of the Marvine shaft, and there the soft-eyed creature was a prisoner. The cow had

Fall and Winter

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